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METHODS AND DEVICES FOR CHARGED-  
PARTICLE-BEAM MICROLITHOGRAPHY,  
AND MICROELECTRONIC-DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHODS  
COMPRISING SAME

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated July 18, 2003. Please amend the referenced  
application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.